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1. A report regarding the supply of ores, scrap, and fireproof materials was submitted to the Foundry Department of the Central Committee of the PZPR, which is headed by Engineers Krajewski and Sawicki. These materials will be in short supply in 1953.
2. The imports of ores are insufficient; though they may cover current requirements and consumption in 1953, stocks at the end of that year will suffice for only two months of 1954. Therefore, requirements for 1954 must be covered by imports.
3. A shortage of certain materials in 1953 will undoubtedly hinder production. The supply of scrap material and the production of pig iron are insufficient. The situation can only be saved with imports, but the authorities do not know where to obtain them.
4. The requirements and supplies of fireproof materials, in tons, are as follows:

	<u>Fire clay products</u>	<u>Silicious earth products</u>	<u>Magnesite products</u>
Foundry industry requirements for maintenance of production	145,650	70,800	20,800
Major repairs	19,700	4,600	1,300
Normal stocks	<u>48,500</u>	<u>23,500</u>	<u>8,600</u>
Total	213,850	98,900	30,700
Stocks at end of 1952	<u>32,550</u>	<u>6,600</u>	<u>800</u>
Net requirements for 1953	181,300	92,300	29,900

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Requirements of other departments of the Foundry Ministry	17,000	1,400	2,300
Other ministries	<u>190,000</u>	<u>26,700</u>	<u>7,400</u>
Total	388,300	120,400	39,600
Total production in Poland	325,000	83,500	15,300

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